

MARIN COUNTY CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY

SOUTHERN MARIN COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2003

Members Present: Paul Albritton, Raphael Durr, Alice Fredericks, Anne Jeffrey, Grace Livingston, David Parisi, Steve Price, Annette Rose, Dick Swanson, Steve Thompson, and Christopher Wand

Members Absent: Amy Belser, Bruce Sams, and Richard Rubin

Staff Present: Dean Powell, Marin County Department of Public Works; and Kara Vuicich, Congestion Management Agency Consultant

Others: Pat Echols, Public Works Director, Tiburon; Anne Montgomery, Assistant City Manager, Mill Valley; Cheryl Ross; David Schonbrunn; Walter Strakosch; and Kett Zegart

The meeting was convened at 4:37 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2003 AND AUGUST 18, 2003

M/s, Fredericks/Wand, to approve the July 21, 2003 and August 18, 2003 action minutes with the following modifications:

- July 21, 2003 Action Minutes, Page 1, Item 3 – Change the third bullet to read, “No changes were suggested at this time to the short list of Roadways of Countywide Significance.”
- July 21, 2003 Action Minutes, 2, Item 5 – Change the first bullet to read, “The committee values community outreach and involvement but cannot agree on how to do it within the timeframe allowed.”

Motion passed unanimously.

3. REVIEW OF THE 1998 BALLOT MEASURES A AND B AND 2000 AND 2001 POLLING DATA

This item was rescheduled to the next meeting agenda. (See agenda Item 10 discussion below.)

4. FOLLOW-UP TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Staff passed out a revised page 6 of the FAQ's due to an error in the reported Local Streets and Roads funding gap. Staff noted that the original numbers only included non-pavement costs and that the revised numbers included both pavement and non-pavement costs, which translates into a total shortfall of about \$11.8 million/year for Marin.

With respect to the question concerning the number of riders on a typical late-night service run, Albritton noted that how, when, and where Golden Gate Transit counts its riders can be misleading because the number of riders varies from the beginning of a route to its end.

5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMMITTEES

Livingston noted the numerous e-mails and letters concerning Paradise Drive in the agenda packet. Staff clarified that two of the four Community Advisory Committees recommended that a portion of Paradise Drive south of Trestle Glen Boulevard be removed from the “short list” of Roadways of Countywide Significance, which would receive high priority in the expenditure plan. It was noted that any committee recommendation to this issue should be included in discussion of agenda Item 7.

Public comments included: (1) whether Paradise Drive is a Roadway of Countywide Significance that deserves high priority; (2) focusing the limited tax revenues on strategic land use investments, such as shifting anticipated growth along transit corridors and nodes; (3) whether funds should be allocated for Local Streets and Roads; and (4) focusing expenditure plan elements on moving people, not cars.

6. PRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL RETURN ELEMENT AND REVIEW OF GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION OF THE CMA/BOS JOINT COMMITTEE

Staff presented information on the guidelines and general direction of the CMA/BOS Joint Committee for the Local Return element of the draft Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan. On behalf of the Joint Committee, staff was seeking community input on: (1) the preliminary allocation of 10-25% of the sales tax revenues towards the Local Return element; (2) whether there should be restrictions on the use of Local Return funds; (3) how often and by what process Local Return spending priorities are updated; and (4) a sense of local projects in the community that should be given high priority.

Committee discussion and public comment topics included: (1) whether Local Return funds can augment other draft Expenditure Plan elements or, conversely whether these funds can be limited to specifically exclude augmenting any Plan element, such as the Local Streets & Roads element; (2) how communities select and prioritize Local Return projects; (3) whether there is some sort of audit process to ensure that communities are using Local Return funds properly; (4) projected Local Return funds for each community; and (5) the value of Local Return to the voter or, whether Local Return should be placed as a subcategory to the remaining elements. (Information on most of these topics can be found in the "Frequently Asked Questions #4" handout in the second September staff report packet.)

The committee did not complete their discussion on Local Return and continued consideration of this item to the next meeting agenda in conjunction with Item 7 below. (See agenda Item 10 discussion below.)

7. REVIEW AND FINALIZE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEES

Committee discussion and public comment topics included: (1) a possible consolidation and restructuring of the draft Expenditure Plan elements in an attempt to simplify or clarify the plan; (2) clarification of what the Local Transit element includes and discussion of possibly splitting that element into a Countywide Transit element and a Local Transit element; (3) the importance of maintaining flexibility in the draft Expenditure Plan, recognizing that it would be funded by a 20-year sales tax and transportation needs change over time; (4) local match fund leveraging and the role of bonding; (5) the possibility of presenting multiple ballot measures to the voter, one for each element; and (6) the goals of increasing mobility, managing congestion, and enhancing safety of the Transportation Vision and draft Expenditure Plan.

The committee did not complete their discussion on finalizing recommendations and continued consideration of this item to the next meeting agenda. (See agenda Item 10 discussion below.)

8. APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO PRESENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE JOINT COMMITTEE OCTOBER WORKSHOP

M/s, Rose/Thompson, to appoint Vice-Chair Jeffrey to present committee recommendations at the Joint Committee October workshop. Motion passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

10. CONFIRM/SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE (IF NECESSARY), TIME, AND JOINT COMMITTEE OCTOBER WORKSHOP DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION

One additional committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 30th, at 4:30 p.m. in the Mill

Valley Community Center to develop, synthesize, and finalize committee recommendations for all elements.

Note: The Joint Committee October workshop has been confirmed for Saturday, October 18th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Marin County Civic Center Board of Supervisors Chamber.

Chair Rose adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.